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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF COMACH LEADER EDUARDO RIOS, APRIL 20-24

REF: STATE 106139

1. DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I HAVE LOST NO OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS TO THE GOC AT HIGHEST LEVEL THAT THEIR CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRONT IS MARRED BY RETROGRESSION IN THE LABOR FIELD. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS AT LENGTH WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET ON APRIL 8, WHO LISTENED TO ME WITH INCREASING ANNOYANCE AND THEN FINALLY ASKED, "WHAT DO YOU WANT, TRADE UNION ELECTIONS?" AFTER MY AFFIRMATIVE REPLY, HE CHANGED THE TOPIC OF THE CONVERSATION.

2. I RAISED THE RIOS OUSTER SPECIFICALLY WITH THE MINISTER OF LABOR ON APRIL 17 AND SPECULATED THAT THIS MAY BRING ON THE WRATH OF THE AFL/CIO. AGAIN I STRESSED HOW MUCH THIS WILL DETRACT FROM CHILE'S POSITIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS.

3. FINALLY, ON APRIL 27 I RAISED THE QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HERNAN CUBILLOS, WHO WAS APPOINTED TO

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THIS POST LAST WEEK. IN MY INITIAL VISIT, I WARNED HIM OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY PERSECUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR LEADERS. I SAID THAT GOC'S STEPS TOWARDS AN IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WERE UNDERMINED BY THE TREATMENT OF RIOS AND THE OTHER "DINAMICOS." THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOOK NOTE OF MY REMARKS.

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